

# THE WEEKLY AWESOME

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## 4E Maintains Political Presence

Fangfei Shen

The hall meeting on Tuesday night elected three new hall chairs: carlesky, fangfei, and srd. All three were deemed to be too tall. The HouseComm elections Wednesday night revealed a continuing strong 4E presence in the East Campus government. Fangfei received the position of DiningComm, and Sebastian garnered the positions of AVCComm and WeightroomComm, while Carly became NotCommComm and Scarito was appointed Sargent at Arms. And of course, our dearest Natecube was sworn in as EC President that night, with a promise to do things only for the lulz.

## 4E: Bad Ideas Champions

Esteban "Terribly Sexy" Hufstedler

This IAP, East Campus continued its 73-year-old tradition of excellently terrible endeavors known as Bad Ideas. The first major activity was the Green Building Run, a Sisyphean climb to the top of the tallest building in Cambridge and back down, over and over. Our very own Nate Pallo won fourth place with 32 ascents! Ben Peters and Hey Guys made an air cannon for launching snowballs and onions. Mr. Peters also worked on a giant paper-mache dinosaur, over seven feet tall and made of terrifying chicken wire, fearsome paper, and frogulent green paint. Carly Narlesky out-massed all previous kitchen creations with nearly a cubic meter of cake. Local badass Esteban Hufstedler, with the aid of several others, engineered a trompe-l'il illusion to transparentize the horrifying three-car pile-up that is Transparent Horizons. Walker Chan and Joe Maurer worked on Johnny on the Spot, a drivable toilet. It did not live, though.

At the Bad Ideas Ball, four of six prizes were awarded to 4E residents. Mr. Peters won First place, Dr Dice won Unranked, Mr. Hufstedler fell to Last Place, and Ms. Carlesky won Zeroth place! Another amazing turnout from the most projecty of halls.



dsd enjoying a delicious fried thing.

## Chinese New Year Feed

Fangfei Shen

It was the first feed of the new calendar year, celebrating the tradition of the Chinese Spring Festival. The culinary talents of 4E revealed a delicious fare of dumplings, spring rolls, and sticky rice cake (aka year cake). Edible origami was also made (admittedly a more Japanese activity than Chinese), and later that night, paparazzi clamored to obtain pictorial evidence of Hey Guys eating a deep-fried origami fish. The feed was quite a success. Thanks to all who helped!

## Word of the Week

Sebastian Denault

**Portmanteau** n: A word formed by blending two words together.  
Ex: Donlan is a portmanteau of kenadon and jnolan.

**Nate say:** SRD's choice of word of the week is quite excellent. I applaud srd as the new wowcomm.



## Donalan Realty: the Greatest Apartment Rentals Agency on Earth

Andrew Abrams

I would like to recount the sequence of events leading to my discovery of Donalan Realty during the month of December. It was a frightfully cold and overcast day, the 20th of December I believe. I had been out of groceries for a while and decided the best solution would be to go to a grocery store and purchase some. So I walked all the way to the Trader Joe's store located on Boylston street. Upon arriving there I purchased a loaf of wholewheat bread, a frozen pizza, and a carton of milk. I then got bored of being there and decided I would return to East Campus in order to consume the delicacies I had purchased. I decided to walk down Hereford Street and, alas, I arrived at the corner with Newbury street and gazed upon the displayed window. My heart raced. I think I nearly died from a heart attack. I also felt a strong urge to remove the "a" which someone had irreverently inserted between the Don and the Alan, but then I figured that Lord Donlan had his own reasons for appearing in this way. Maybe He's telling us to rent an a(partment) in which we could then base our counter-espionage activities? Notice also, however, that he also spelt reality wrong, so maybe he just can't spell.

## Cane Battle Toads

Steven Arcangeli

The 0x9th commandment of Our Lady the All-Night Tool sayeth "Keep holy the month of IAP for it is a time of rest." Once again 4E has kicked that commandment in the ass and rocked faces around the board. First we completely dominated the East Campus Bad Ideas competition, but this party will leave that tale to someone more involved. There is another area in which 4E excelled this past IAP; it is that soul-crushing, time-eating competition known as Battlecode. Or Battletoads. Or other variations that are not appropriate for this fine journal. This year we had four distinct teams and seven distinct individuals that crafted Toads for this Battle. Team heyluvs, which consisted of Mr. Westerdazzle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Erik Chen! and Mr. Arcangeli, The Red Team, which consisted of the newest addition to our hall, Mr. K-Mod, I Don't Build Mean Machines, which consisted of Ms. Kat and associates, and Fun SiZed, which consisted of Ms. Chenxia and associates. Trivia: In every match played by The Red Team, the red team won. The result of the tournament placed three of these four teams in the top 24 overall, granting those teams admission to a fancy networking dinner at the Hyatt. This past Saturday the final Battling Toads were pitted against each other in what was widely described as "a couple battlecode matches" or "at least they had T-shirts."

As a direct result of what some have called "hilarious stupidity in judging", our hall has acquired four new Wiis. Many have voiced that this has increased the Wii density of our hall to a level pushing the limits of homoeroticism, however some view this as an excellent opportunity. This past Tuesday was the infamous "4E Girls' Night Out," known for its blatant sexism and unapologetic discrimination. As a response, a "Sausage and Wii Party" has been proposed (perhaps also as a sequel to last semester's Banana Party). With the hall now overflowing with Wiis, that idea is now closer to actually being taken seriously.

## Budget Meeting

Staff

This past Tuesday 4e held its spring term budget meeting. This term's budget was probably the highest monetary valued budget in recent history, as it contained many items which cost thousands, if not millions of dollars.

Some highlights: multiple feeds (Mexican, pizza, BBQ), Inaugural Ball, End of Term Party, and hall shotgun. Unfortunate near misses included Sebastian changing his last name to Donlan as well as half price nerf guns.

See your email for the full list of items.

## Return of the Sluggery

Nate Pallo

In case you don't read email, 4E now has a Sluggery again. This is a photo server. It serves hall related photos to hall related people. To reach it, go to [sluggery.mit.edu](http://sluggery.mit.edu). Create an account to begin adding your hall related photos to the sluggery. Please be neat; there is an organizational structure somewhat established - please keep it that way.

## Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: Just what is going on with the economy?

A: With the economy taking a nosedive, and unemployment reaching record levels, the obvious targets of blame are the New World Order. Already, YouTube is filling with home-made manifestos threatening a violent take down of the NWO. But, what is the New World Order? If you are planning to enter a violent revolution, consider this a small introduction to everyone's favorite meta-government.

The New World Order, also called the Cryptocracy or The Internationals, first emerged in the early 1900's, when it was first proposed that the United States and England combine to force a new, united western government on the world. The theories gained more momentum when Cecil Rhodes, creator of the Rhodes scholarship, strongly advocated the idea. The founding of the Rhodes Scholarship is seen as a method of picking out the likely leaders of tomorrow, and to gain their trust and support. The idea of the New World Order was cemented by Lionel Curtis, another vocal advocate who went on to found the Royal Institute for International Affairs and the Council on Foreign Relation.

Modern Cryptocratic theory started when George H. W. Bush referenced the New World Order in a speech following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Since then, careful analysis of speeches by probable Internationals shows a preference for occasionally out of place architectural metaphors. This has led conspiracy theorists to believe these metaphors are a code for other New World Order members, a means of quickly relaying general orders or plans without any middlemen. The suspected members of the conspiracy tend to be old, wealthy families, such as the Rockefellers, whose can easily cross national borders and influence decisions with their wealth.

There are actually several theories regarding the New World Order, in particular regarding their purpose. The most likely two are the benign NWO and the Megacorporation theory. Their names are rather self explanatory; the benign NWO is dedicated to maintaining the status quo, and preventing any major world or cold wars. The Megacorporation theory holds that multi-national corporations often have similar interests when it comes to the political state of the world, and thus apply their wealth and power to influence nations. Regardless, the threat of a New World Order is significant, and we must be ever vigilant that one does not form without our knowledge.

If you have a question for the doctor, email [ask-dr-dice@mit.edu](mailto:ask-dr-dice@mit.edu).